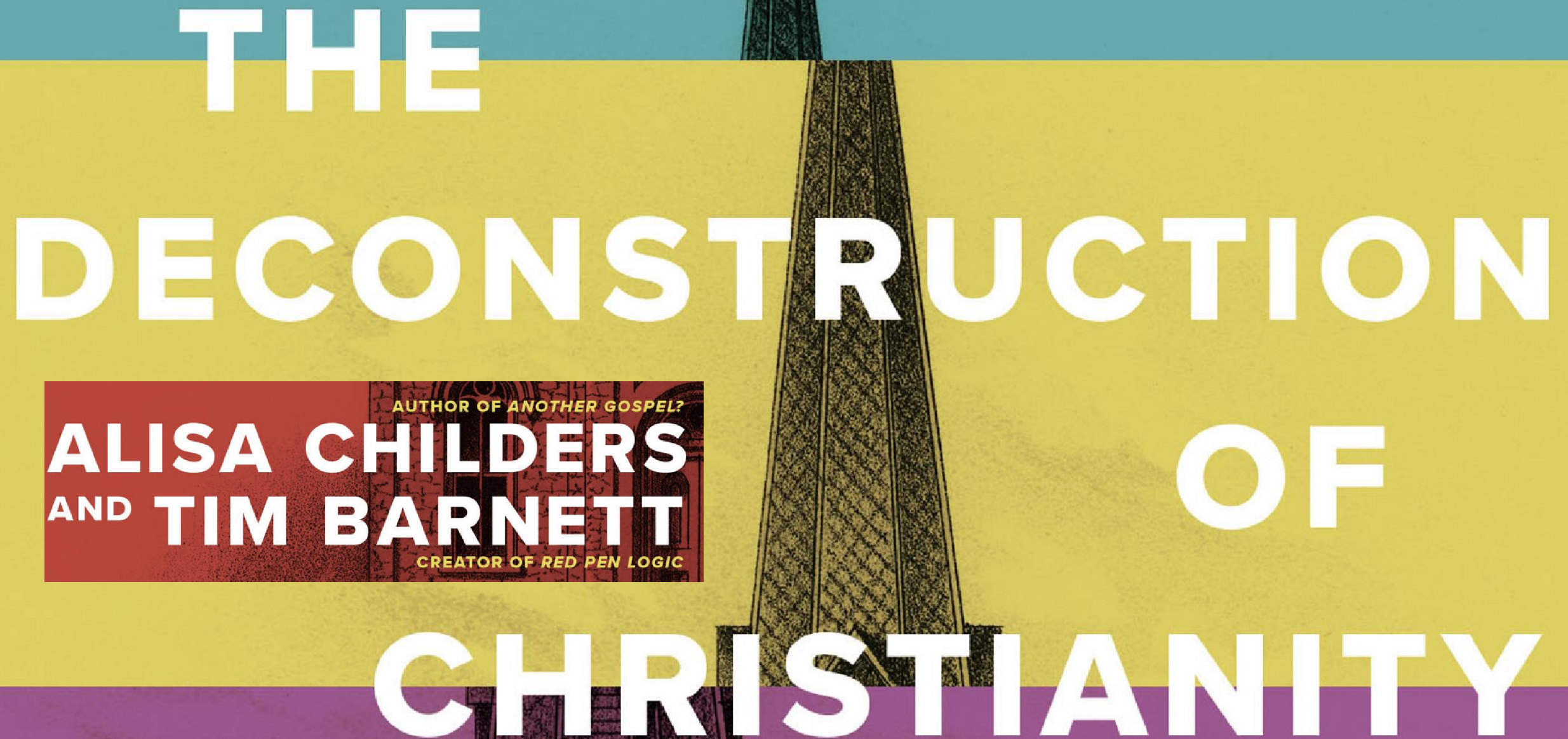




**DECONSTRUCTION
OF CHRISTIANITY**

Defining & Demolishing



THE DECONSTRUCTION OF CHRISTIANITY

**ALISA CHILDERS
AND TIM BARNETT**

AUTHOR OF ANOTHER GOSPEL?

CREATOR OF RED PEN LOGIC

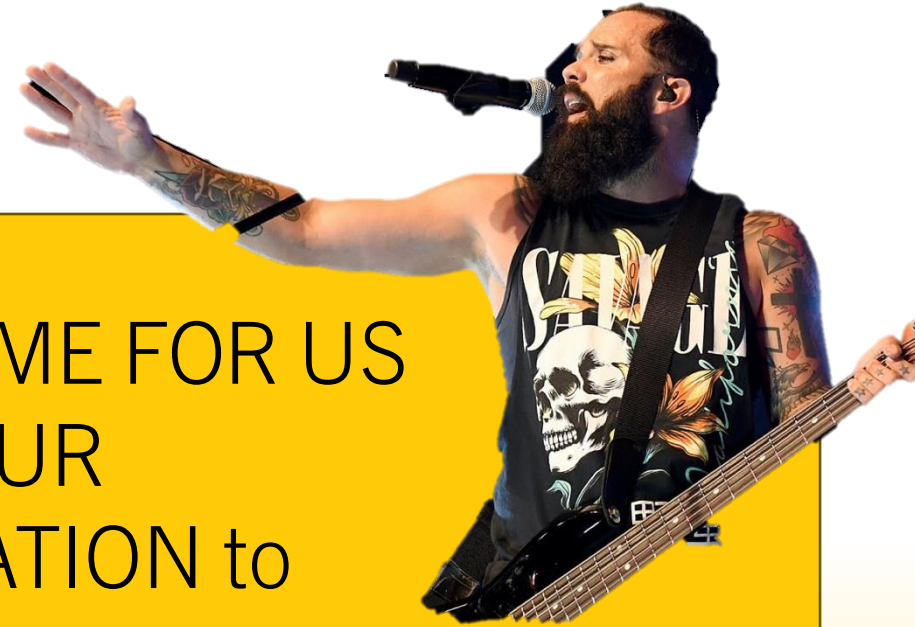


**WHAT IT IS,
WHY IT'S DESTRUCTIVE,
AND HOW TO RESPOND**

WHEN TERMS ARE NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD, WE CAN END UP TALKING PAST ONE ANOTHER”



“One type of deconstruction actually involves using scriptures to deconstruct unhealthy ideas and practices.”



“IT IS TIME FOR US AND YOUR GENERATION to declare war on this idolatrous deconstruction Christian movement!”

if deconstruction really is a movement that seeks to lead Christians away from truth and encourages them to deconvert from the faith, declaring spiritual war on it would be prudent, wise, and biblical.

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if deconstruction simply means rethinking what you believe, engaging your doubts, or asking hard questions, declaring spiritual war on it would be unbiblical, fearful, and downright mean.



**HEART OF THE DECONSTRUCTION EXPLOSION IS A
REJECTION OF BIBLICAL AUTHORITY.
DECONSTRUCTION EMPHASIZES PERSONAL
AUTONOMY—THE AUTHORITY OF THE SELF**

**SCRIPTURE PLACES
A HIGH PREMIUM
ON TRUTH.**

**"I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE."**

-JOHN 14:6

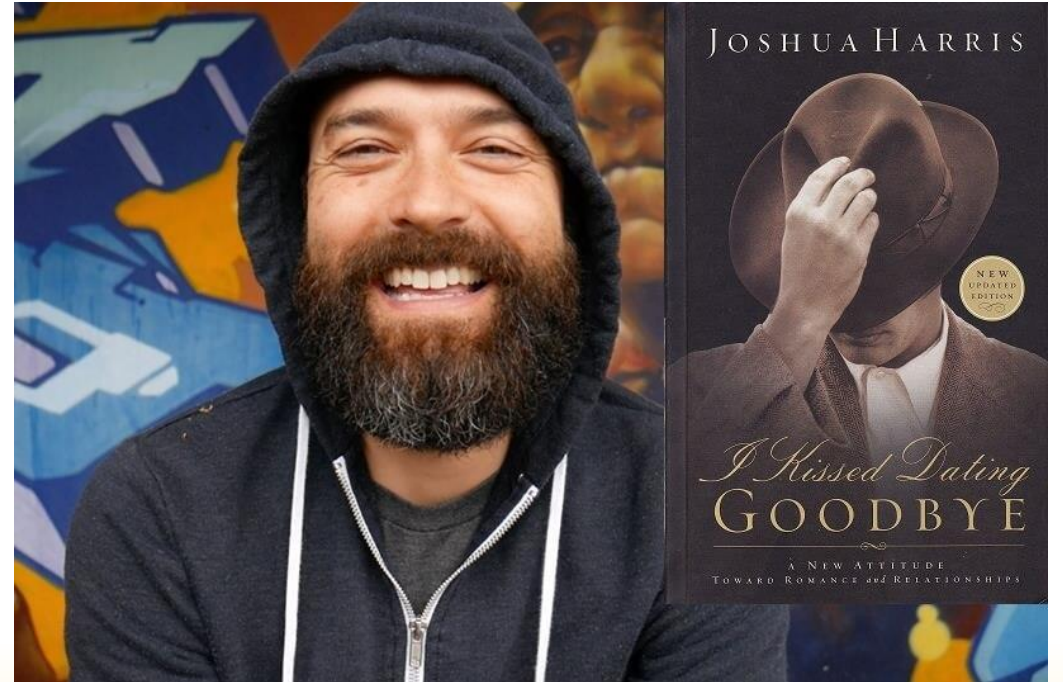
“Father, Sanctify Them”

Jesus prays that we will so know the truth that it will make us holy, setting us apart from the world and sin, and consecrating us in devotion to God ([John 17:16–19](#)).

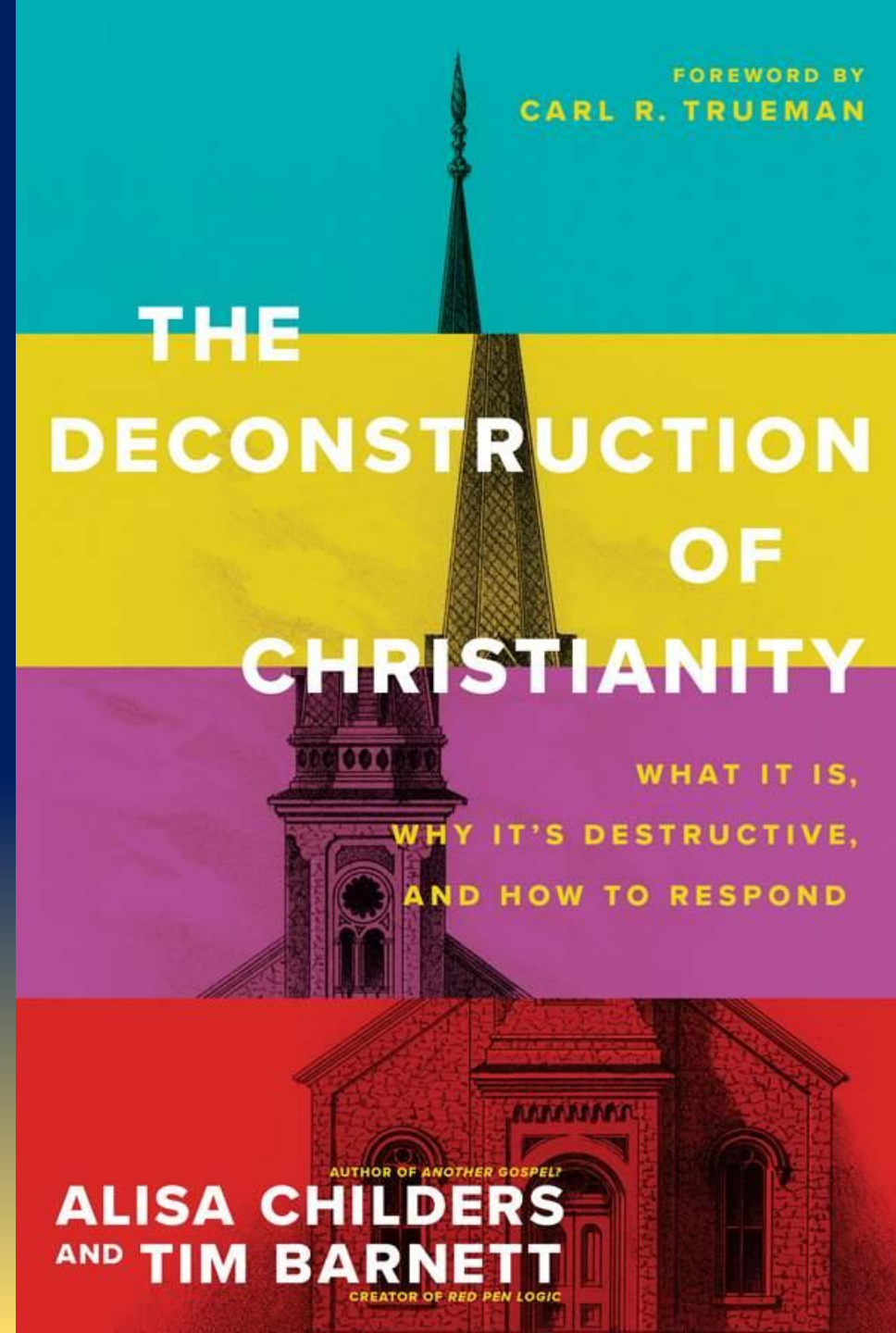
WHO HAS DECONSTRUCTED?



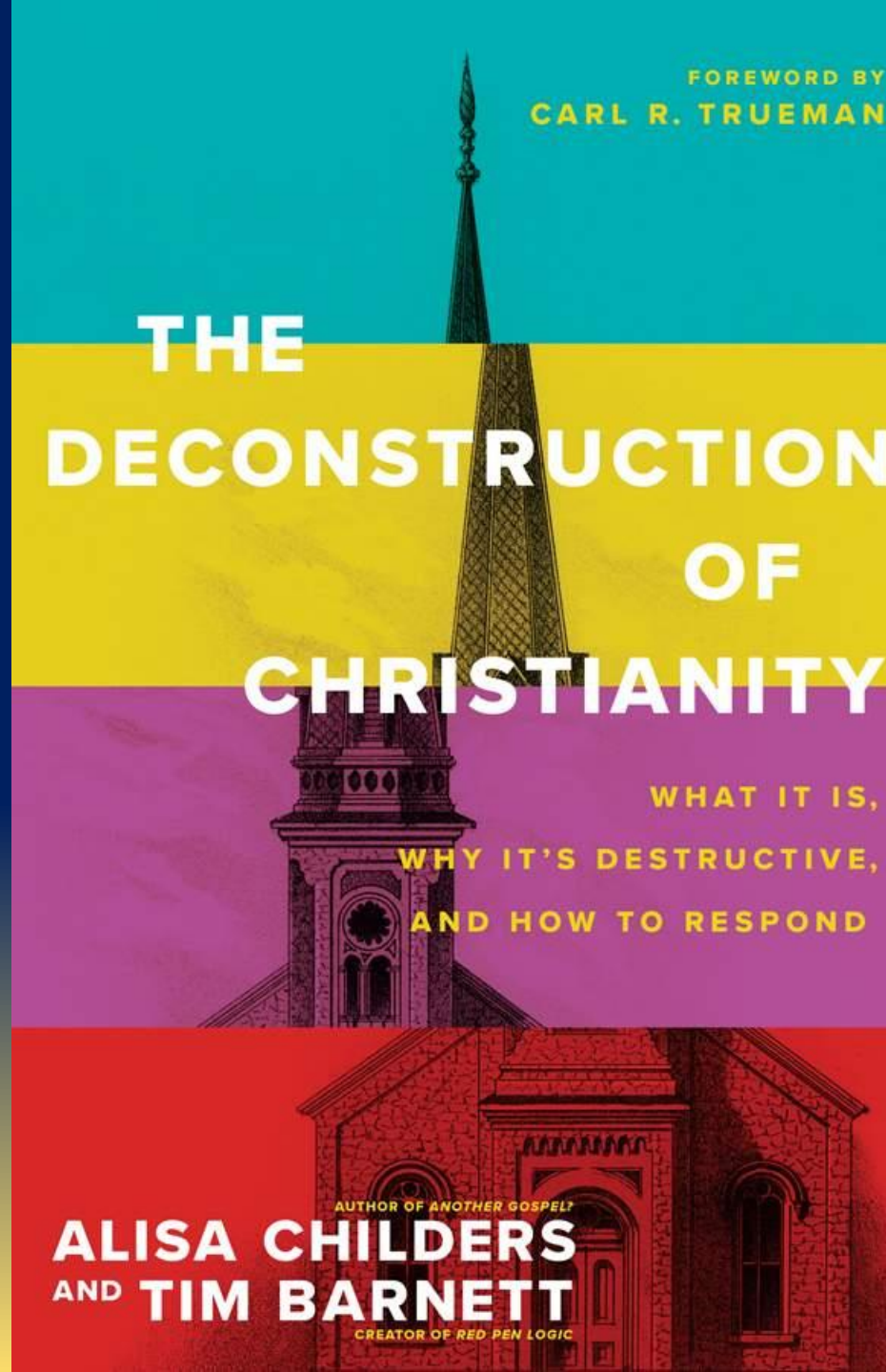
“THE INFORMATION THAT WAS LEFT OUT OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT IS THAT I HAVE UNDERGONE A MASSIVE SHIFT IN REGARD TO MY FAITH IN JESUS. THE POPULAR PHRASE FOR THIS IS “DECONSTRUCTION,” THE BIBLICAL PHRASE IS “FALLING AWAY.” BY ALL THE MEASUREMENTS THAT I HAVE FOR DEFINING A CHRISTIAN, I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN”. -JOSH HARRIS



“For the majority of people from the broader culture in the deconstruction movement, the Bible is seen as a tool of oppression to be rejected, not a standard of truth to be affirmed.

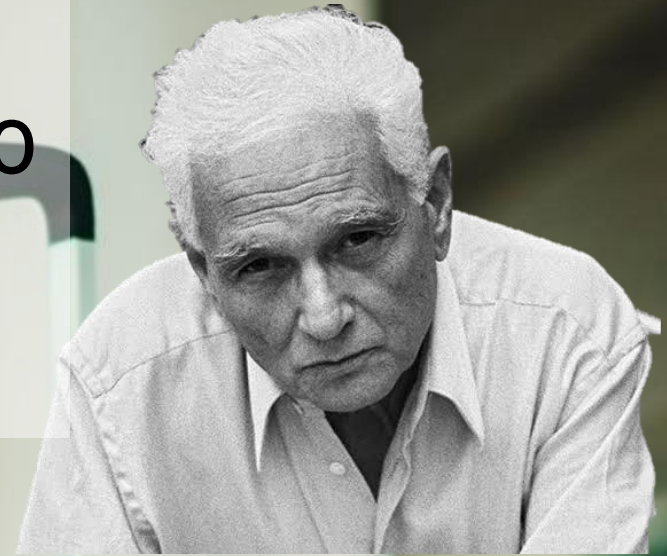


In fact, most major deconstruction platforms bristle at the idea that anything other than one's personal conscience should guide an individual toward breaking free from oppressive systems (perceived or actual) and toxic theology, which is defined as any doctrine or practice that someone deems harmful.



deconstruction meant “dismantling our excessive loyalty to any idea and learning to see the aspects of the truth that might lie buried in its opposite.

PHILOSOPHICAL
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4 CAUSES OF DECONSTRUCTION- JOSH BUTLER



1. Church Hurt

MANY WHO DECONSTRUCT HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY ABUSIVE OR MANIPULATIVE CHURCH LEADERS, OR GENERALLY UNHEALTHY CHURCH CULTURES.



“CHURCH HURT IS REAL. BUT DECONSTRUCTION IS A FALSE CURE.”

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



2. Poor Teaching

JESUS IS THE BEST MODEL OF REPLACING BAD TEACHING WITH GOOD TEACHING. I LOVE HIS REFRAIN IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT: “YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID . . . BUT I SAY” ([MATT. 5–7](#)).



3. DESIRE TO SIN

God hands us over to the depravity of our mind, that we might attain the corrupted desires of our heart.

Romans 1:18-19



4. STREET CRED

**THE DESIRE TO FIT IN WITH THE CULTURAL
ETHOS OF OUR MOMENT IS STRONG**


1. It's not about getting your theology right. It's about tearing down what seems wrong to you.

**THE PRACTICE OF DECONSTRUCTION IS
FUNDAMENTALLY AT ODDS WITH CHRISTIANITY.**

2. There is no end goal.



**THE PRACTICE OF DECONSTRUCTION IS
FUNDAMENTALLY AT ODDS WITH CHRISTIANITY.**

A yellow excavator is shown in the process of demolishing a multi-story building. The excavator's arm is extended, and it is actively tearing down the structure, which is surrounded by a large cloud of dust and debris. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the background, other buildings and structures are visible, though they are somewhat obscured by the dust and the overall hazy atmosphere of the demolition site.

3. You are
the ultimate
authority.

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#EXVANGELICAL- BLAKE CHASTAIN

- 1. A literal reading of the Bible
- 2. A belief that women are to be submissive to men
- 3. A belief in the sanctity of heterosexuality /heteronormativity and a rejection of homosexuality as sinful
- 4. The assumption that the American way of life is best
- 5. Identification and partnership with political and social conservatism



L I T E R A L

In the deconstruction movement, rejecting a “literal reading” of the Bible often means rejecting the idea that the text has a literal, objective meaning the Christian needs to discover and accept. Biblical interpretation becomes subjective, or the Bible is **rejected altogether.**

Both men and women are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27; James 3:9), but there are all sorts of differences between them, and they come together in marriage to become one flesh (Genesis 2:24). Paul lays out household codes in Ephesians 5 that begin by telling spouses to submit to one another "out of reverence for Christ" (verse 21). Women are to submit to their husbands, and husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church.

SUBMISSION



The act of sex was designed to be between one man and one woman in the context of marriage. Anything outside of that is described in Scripture as “sexual immorality.”

Christians all over the world love their home countries and feel a sense of loyalty to their cultures and fellow citizens. There's nothing wrong with that, as long as the Christian's primary loyalty is to Christ and his Kingdom.

NATIONALISM

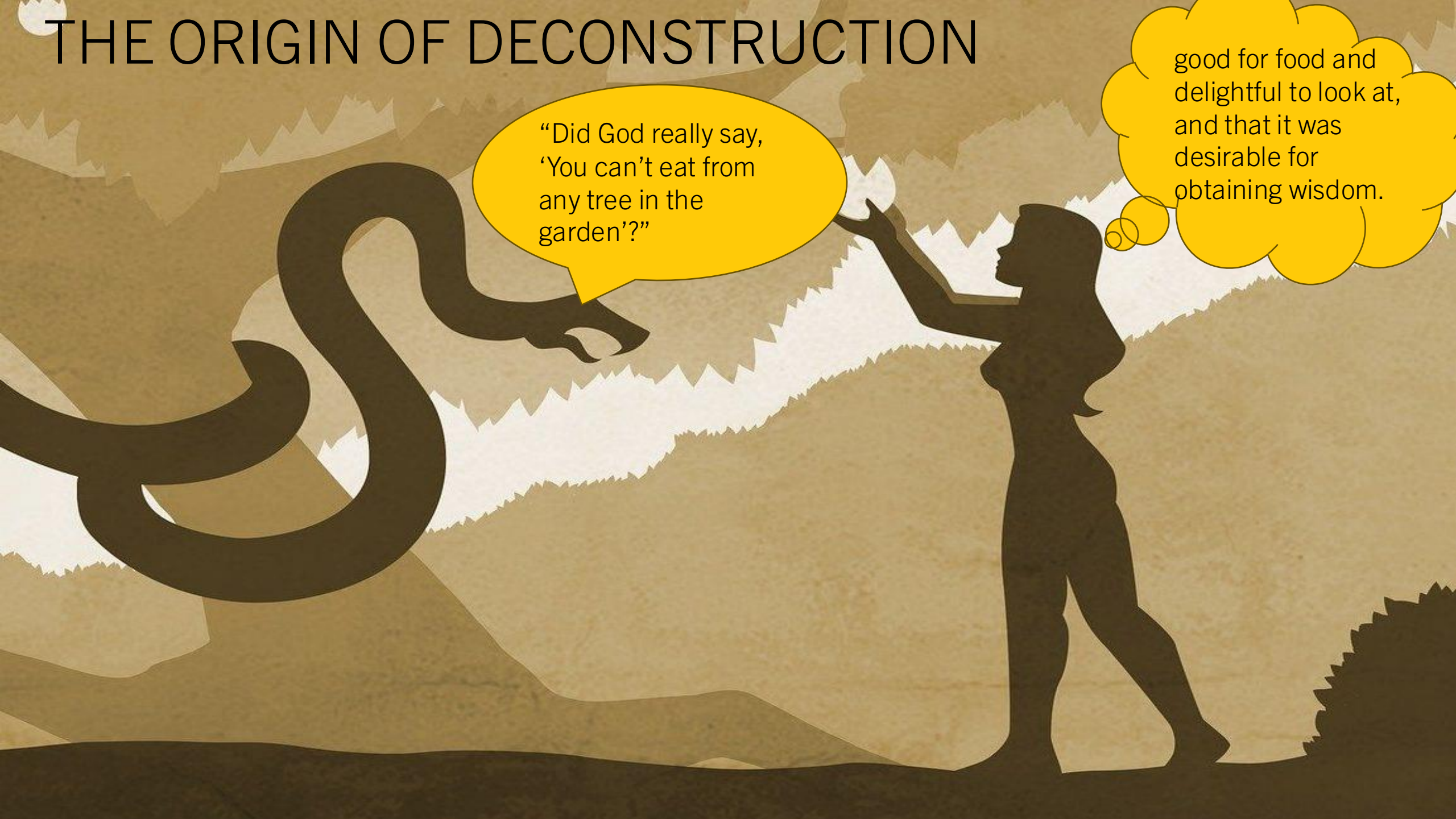
**I CONSIDER EVERYTHING
A LOSS BECAUSE OF THE
SURPASSING WORTH OF
KNOWING CHRIST JESUS
MY LORD.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:8



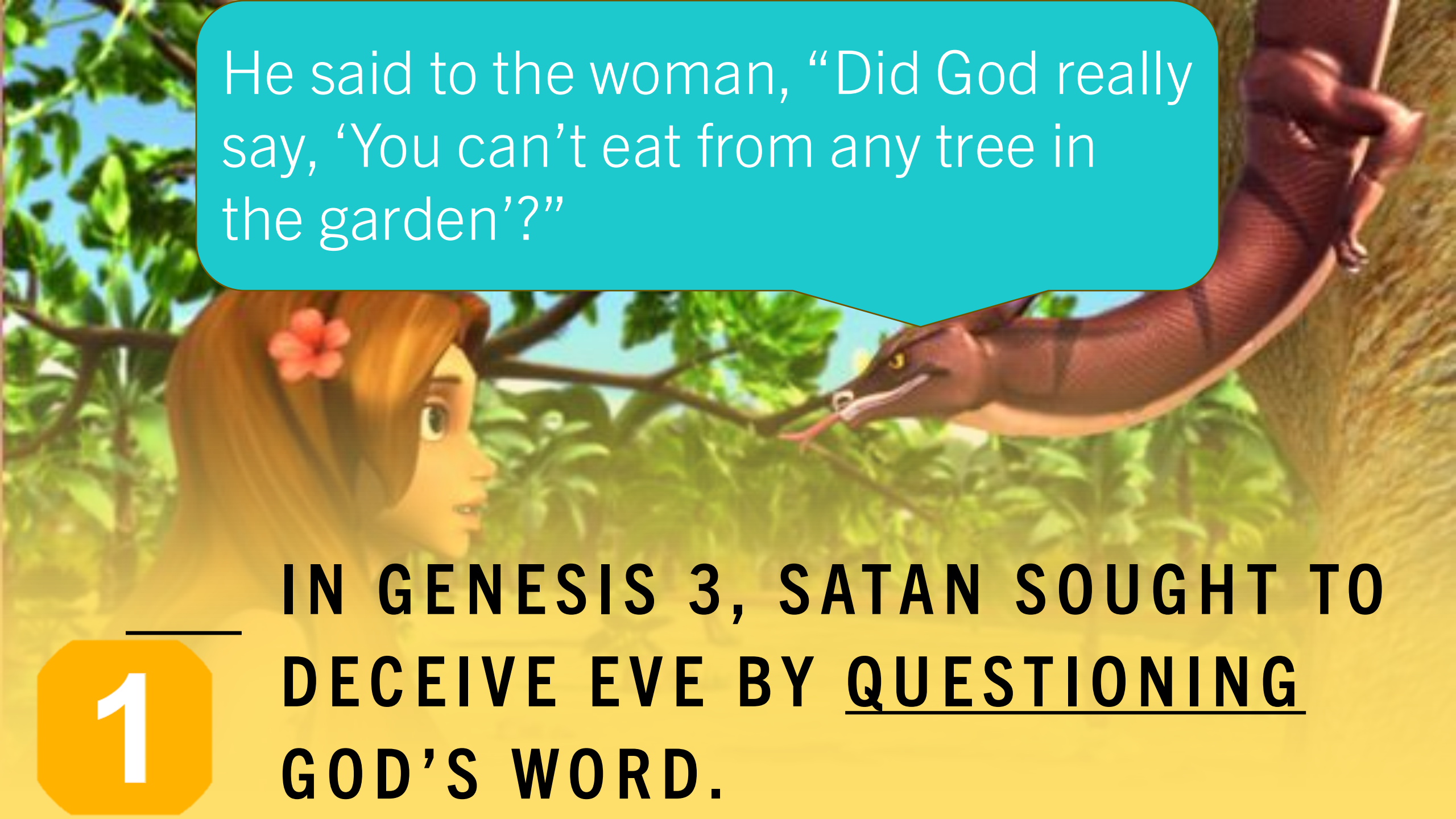
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THE ORIGIN OF DECONSTRUCTION



“Did God really say,
‘You can’t eat from
any tree in the
garden’?”

good for food and
delightful to look at,
and that it was
desirable for
obtaining wisdom.



He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”

IN GENESIS 3, SATAN SOUGHT TO DECEIVE EVE BY QUESTIONING GOD’S WORD.

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4 “No! You will not die,” the serpent said to the woman.

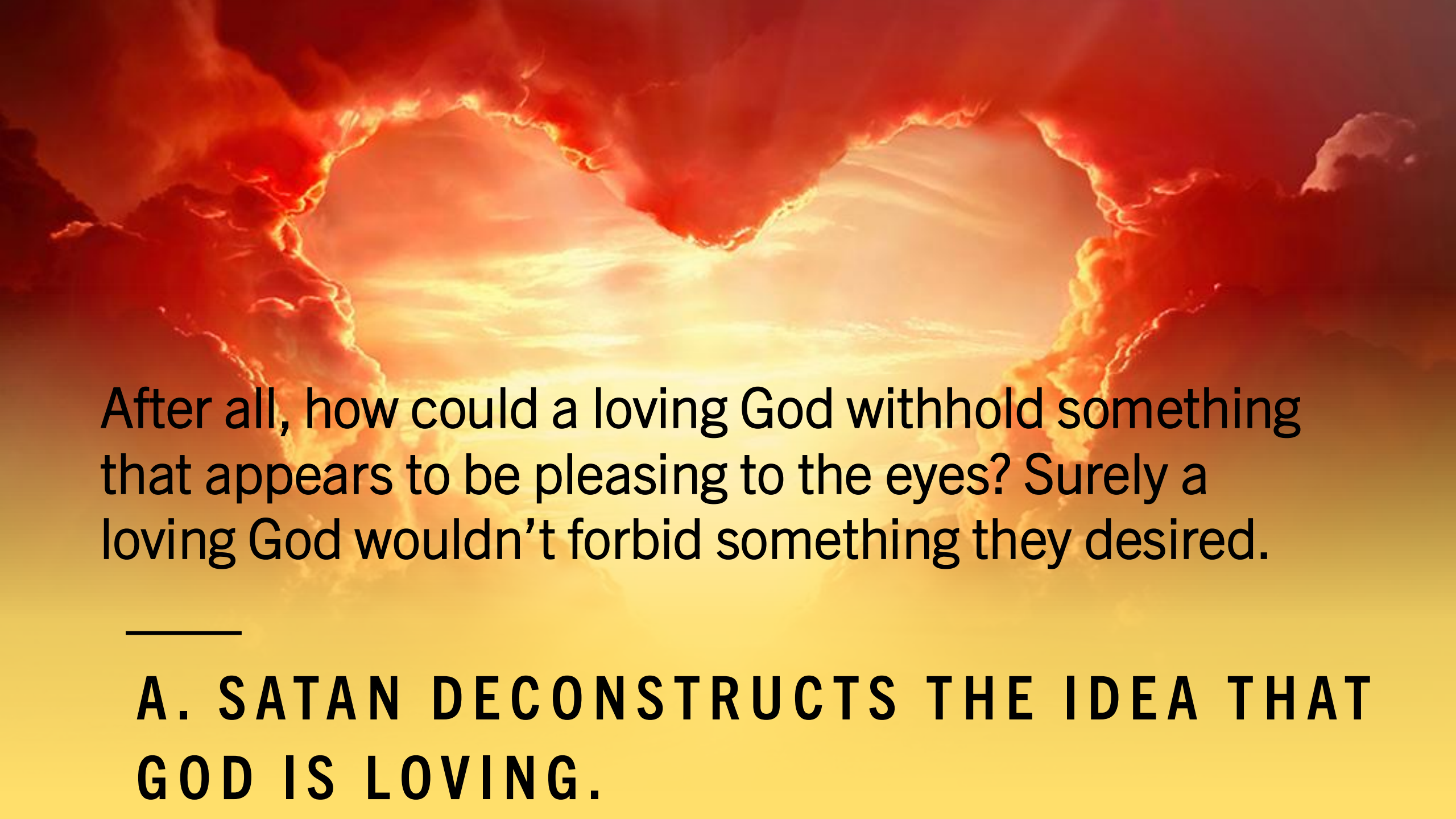
Gen. 3:4

2 SATAN MOVES FROM QUESTIONING GOD'S WORD TO DENYING IT.



3. Satan deconstructs who God is.

“In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Gen. 3:5



After all, how could a loving God withhold something that appears to be pleasing to the eyes? Surely a loving God wouldn't forbid something they desired.

**A. SATAN DECONSTRUCTS THE IDEA THAT
GOD IS LOVING.**

Satan says, “You will not surely die” (Genesis 3:4, emphasis added). The implication is, God wasn’t telling them the truth.

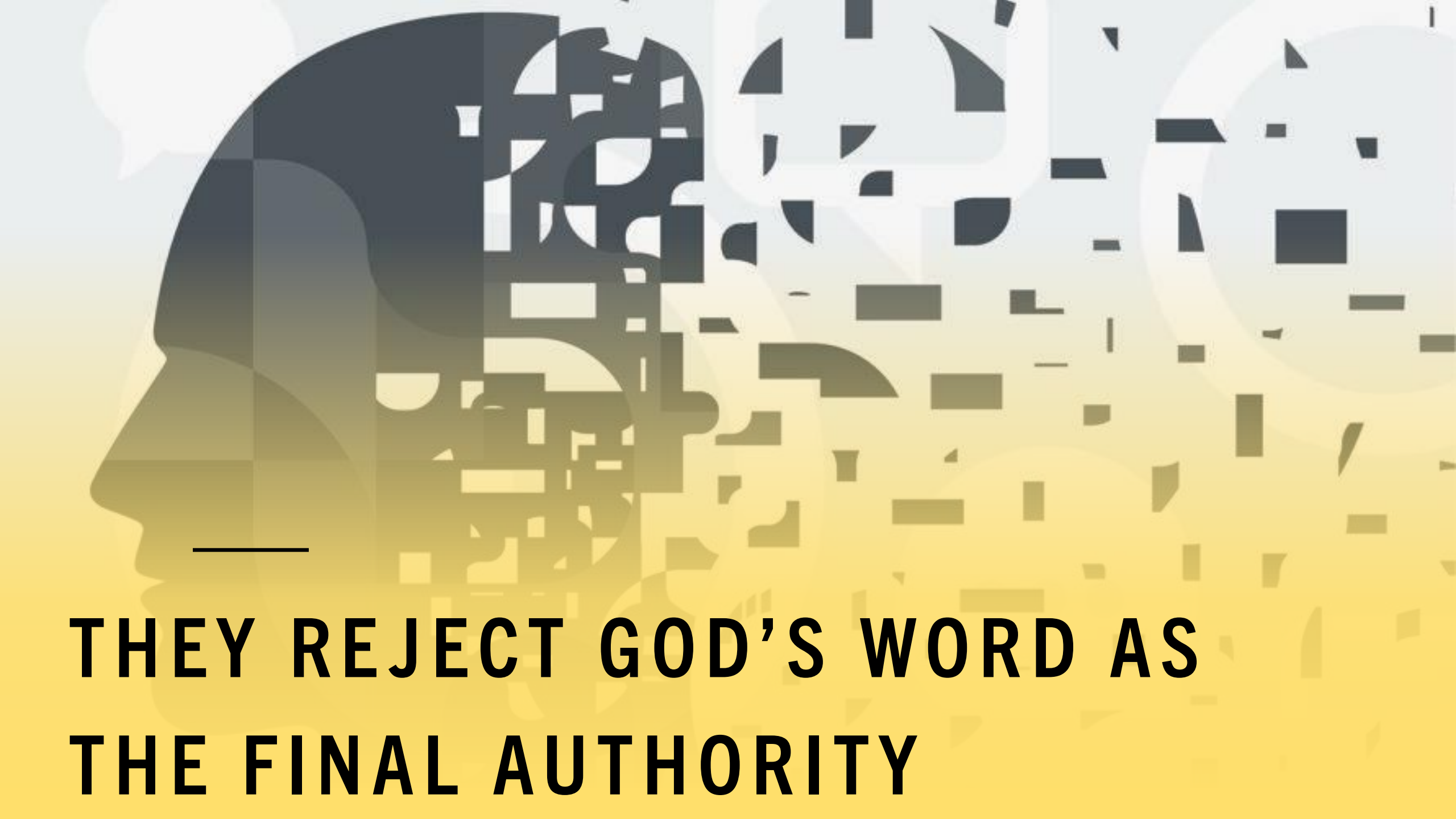


B. Satan deconstructs the idea that God is truthful.

They think they need to be their own gods. This implies that God is not enough for them.



C. Satan deconstructs the idea that God is sufficient.



**THEY REJECT GOD'S WORD AS
THE FINAL AUTHORITY**



if we want to better understand our deconstructing loved ones and how to relate to them, we should pay attention to five ways they're described in the Bible.

HELP! MY LOVED ONE IS DECONSTRUCTING.

every deconstructor—
regardless of age, race,
gender, sexual
attraction, or social
status—is made in the
image of God (gen.
1:27). All are intrinsically
valuable and worthy of
love, dignity, and respect



1.
DECONSTRUCTORS
AS
IMAGE-BEARERS

2. Deconstructors as Sinners



SIN AFFECTS EVERYTHING ABOUT US—OUR RELATIONSHIPS, OUR DESIRES, OUR EMOTIONS, AND EVEN OUR BELIEFS.

ROMANS 3:10- THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE.

3. DECONSTRUCTORS AS SEEKERS

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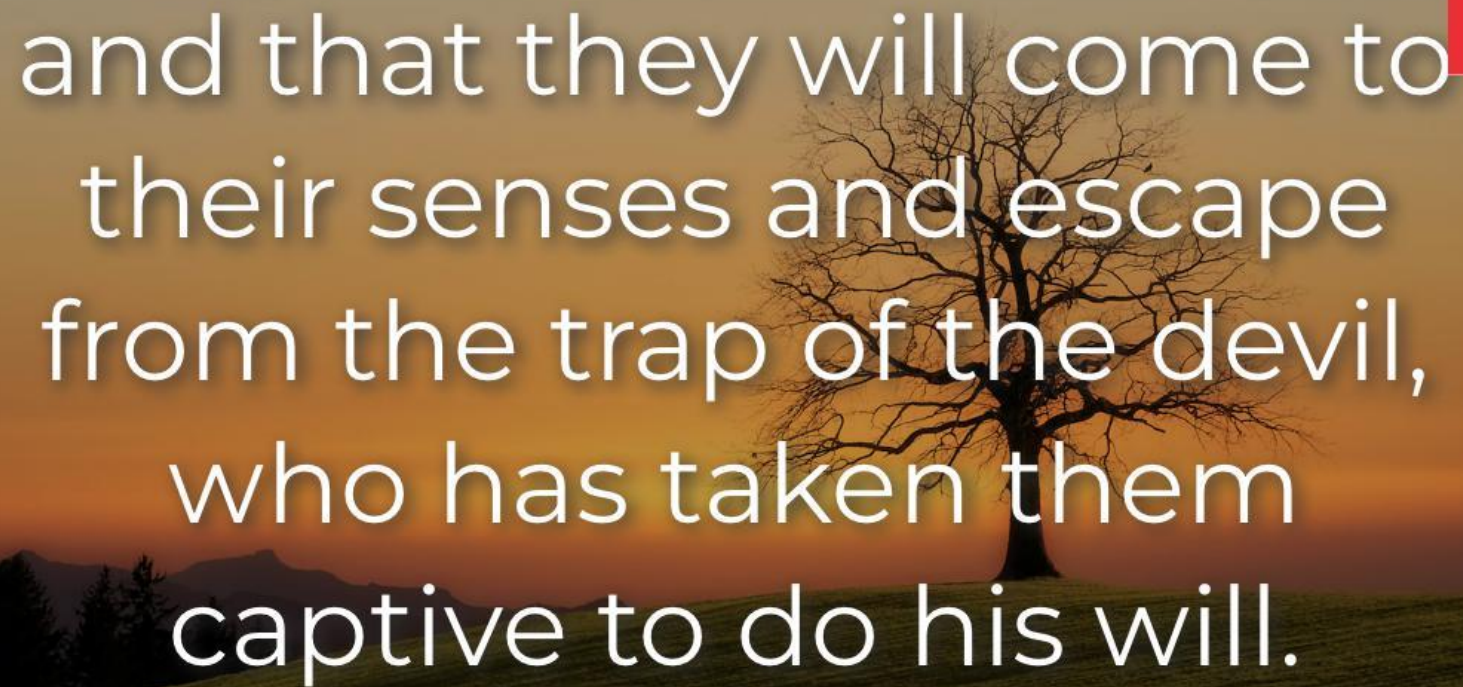
God “will repay each person according to what they have done.” To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Romans 2:6-8 NIV



4. DECONSTRUCTORS AS CAPTIVES

THE BIBLE DESCRIBES HOW SOME PEOPLE ARE
“CAPTURED BY [THE DEVIL] TO DO HIS WILL” (2
TIM. 2:26).



and that they will come to
their senses and escape
from the trap of the devil,
who has taken them
captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:26 NIV

 BIBLE PORTAL

5. DECONSTRUCTORS AS REBELS

The Sinful Mind Is
Hostile To God. It Does
Not Submit To God's
Law, Nor Can It Do So.

Romans 8-7

There's a temptation to think that if we can provide enough evidence, our loved one will change his mind. But for many, it's not an evidence issue; it's a heart issue.